

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. New claims 8, 9 and 10 have been added. Claim 1 is allowable, claims 2 and 3 are rejected, and objections have been made to claims 4-7.

Claim 4 was objected to because of informalities. Appropriate corrections have been made.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunkel in view of Juergens. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunkel in view of Juergens and further in view of Pruitt. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 4-7 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as well as correction of claim 4, as noted above. Thus, claim 2 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 4, and claim 4 has been canceled. New claim 8 has been added, including all of the limitations of base claim 2 and dependent claim 5; claim 5 has been canceled. New claim 9 has been added, including all of the limitations of base claim 2 and dependent claim 6; claim 6 has been canceled. Lastly, new claim 10 has been added, including all of the limitations of claim 7, and depending from claim 9. It is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be removed and the allowance of claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10 be entered.

Further, a filing fee in the amount of \$42.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of independent claims in excess of three.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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